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Judy Chu Presents Free Advanced Seminar for Women Entrepreneurs

Judy Chu, Ph.D., Chair of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with the Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center Network and the National Association of Women Business Owners-Los Angeles Chapter, today announced that business leaders, along with federal, state, and local government agency representatives will be presenting a free advanced seminar designed to assist women entrepreneurs grow and expand their businesses.

The keynote speaker for the event is Promercia Bank founding Chairwoman Maria Contreras-Sweet. Representatives from the BOE, U.S. Small Business Administration, Women's Business Enterprise National Council, U.S. Commercial Service, Export Import Bank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Department of General Services Procurement Division, L.A. County Office of Small Business, along with other agencies will be available to assist attendees.

Event: Advanced Seminar for Women Entrepreneurs
Date: Friday, August 22, 2008
Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:00 a.m.)
Place: Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90401
(Parking is \$10)

Seminar topics include marketing strategies, tips for retaining your client base, managing business capital growth, critical support and human capital, contracting opportunities, expanding businesses abroad, green growth strategies, and how to avoid common sales and use tax pitfalls.

For more information please call 213-593-1311, or visit the BOE website at:
www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/AdvancedWomensSemWeb.pdf or send an email to:
womens.seminar@boe.ca.gov. Register online at: www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=88

Chair Judy Chu represents the Fourth Board of Equalization District, which includes Los Angeles County. She won election to the BOE in November 2006 and was elected Chair of the Board of Equalization in January 2008. Chair Judy Chu is also a voting member of the Franchise Tax Board.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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